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The Diplomas awarded at the New England Fair at Providence, in Sept. last, are now ready for delivery. Exhibitors Diplomas of Honor, and Diplomas of Provost. All others will find their Diplomas at the office of Col. Daniel Needham, No. 35 Studio Building, Boston.

Correspondents must not expect to see our documents for personal controversies or disputes. We go in for a good and independent, but high-toned, discussion of all subjects within the province of an agricultural journal; but private abuse will, in all cases, be exposed.

That's a good story on the fourth page.

JUVENILE VAGRANTS.

From a passage in the Governor's Message we observe that vagrancy and crime are become so much on the increase throughout Massachusetts as to excite positive alarm.

The Governor suggests, in view of the expense of our reform institutions for boys and girls, to inquire whether the large and increasing sums expended for the remedial and punishment of youthful crimes, might not be more judiciously expended for their prevention, with great advantage to the individuals themselves and the community in which they grow up.

This is really a question of great importance, which it behoves thoughtful men to pay early attention to. There would only seem to be some way to suppress vagrancy in this class of people, without providing them with homes at the State's expense.

DICKENS AROUND.

The great English novelist files about. He may be made of India rubber, for we know. He has swum between Boston and New York, since he came to the country as a pendulum. He and his agent, Duly are about as busy men, in the ruling dull times, as we have. They are both making a good thing out of it, which we told them they would do before it came over. The great reader's readings continue to give satisfaction and pleasure, even to many who go to hear him night after night. He likes Boston best of American cities, and here is where he receives as good treatment as anywhere else. He is doing well, and making hay with the sun-shine.

CAR COMFORTS.

We are glad to see such an improvement in the comforts of railway cars as the single important one of warming them by steam. The plan has been repeatedly suggested, and it would seem as if nothing was easier than to put enough of that article to service after it had done its work in the engine.

The recommendation of the message as to the comfort of railway cars, as the single important one of warming them by steam.

We know of no demands but that of the public to have a good and safe ride.

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